

REAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020 4:30 PM
JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM

Call to Order (4:32 PM)

Members Present: D. Bost, Erbes, Mendoza, Jr. and Peterson
Members Absent: Edmond, Morris and Mueller

Also present: Maureen Berkowitz, Steven Bost, Mitch Burdick

Approval of Minutes

- I. [20-5097](#) Approval of May 13, 2020 Minutes
A motion was made by D. Bost, seconded by Erbes, to approve the May 13, 2020 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Communication

- II. [20-5098](#) Jackson County Soil & Water Long Range Plan
Peterson noted this item was informational only and was just a reminder of what the Board did to support the long range plan.
- III. [20-5099](#) Greater Egypt IEPA Watershed Grant
Peterson discussed that this item was an update on Greater Egypt receiving this grant and that they were in the middle of a long-range study.
- IV. [20-5100](#) SIU COVID-19 Survey Article
This is an informational only article discussing what SIU can do to help local businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- V. [20-5101](#) 2020 Mass Transit Report
Peterson informed the group that there is an updated copy of the Mass Transit report available in the County Board office and that it was also available electronically for anyone who wanted to brush up on the information.
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Citizen Comments

Land Use & Economic Development

- VI. [20-5102](#) Greater Egypt Regional Planning & Development Commission
Peterson reviewed the updated CEDS document and noted it could be found on the Greater Egypt website. She also encouraged the committee to read the document as there was new information concerning development strategies.
- VII. [20-5103](#) Supervisor of Assessments
Berkowitz reported the following information:
On Friday June 5, Governor Pritzker signed Public Act 101-635 (also known as the COVID bill). It offers various kinds of COVID relief including the fact that three homestead exemptions which
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normally require annual application may be renewed automatically and without documentation.

Anyone who received these exemptions for 2019 will automatically receive them for 2020 without applying. **This is for one year only.** In 2021 when renewals are sent out for the 2022 bill, they will need to be returned with documentation or the exemption will be removed.

- VIII. [20-5104](#) Jackson Growth Alliance
No information to report.
- IX. [20-5105](#) Comprehensive Plan
No information to report.
- X. [20-5106](#) River Levee Project Update
Burdick reported that there was no current work planned for the Levee project. Peterson questioned the current issue in Grand Tower and Burdick replied that FEMA was not providing any funding for the roadway due to lack of participation in the flood insurance program. Burdick also noted he would have more flood recovery information later in the week.
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Highway Department

- XI. [20-5107](#) SIMPO-Southern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization
Peterson communicated to the committee the the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Plan was approved and that this could be viewed on the SIMPO website.
- XII. [20-5108](#) Jackson County Bike Routes
Nothing new to report.
- XIII. [20-5110](#) Payment of Highway Monthly Claims in the amount of \$164,587.38
A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by D. Bost, to approve payment of Highway Monthly Claims in the amount of \$164,587.38. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- XIV. [20-5112](#) Township Bridge Program Engineering Contract- Bradley Township
A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by D. Bost, to approve the Township Bridge Program Engineering Contract-Bradley Township. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- XV. [20-5113](#) Township Bridge Program Engineering Contract- DeSoto Township
A motion was made by D. Bost, seconded by Erbes, to approve the Township Bridge Program Engineering Contract-DeSoto Township. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- XVI. [20-5109](#) County Highway Department Update
Burdick gave a County Highway Update to the committee, noting his attached letter should be referenced for more detailed information. He noted updates to current projects, budgets, and items relating to COVID-19.
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County Buildings & Grounds

- XVII. [20-5111](#) Future of Public Defender Office
This item was moved to the top of the agenda by Peterson. S. Bost gave a quick review of what was happening with the Public Defender's office. He noted that the building was safe to move in to for now and was done so on Wednesday of the past week. The County Administrator noted that this item was on the agenda for the Real Property Committee to begin thinking of plans on what to do with the Public Defender's office in the future if needed. Erbes noted he had met with realtor's and that some spaces were available if the situation came to that.
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Peterson commented to please keep her and the County Administrator informed of the information.

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

Adjourn (5:13 PM)

D. Bost moved and Erbes seconded to adjourn, motion carried.